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SUBJECT: MEXICAN FLAG VESSELS FISHING IN INTERNATIONAL  
COMMISSION FOR NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF) AREA

1. FISHATT WAS VISITED RECENTLY BY OFFICIAL OF INDUSTRIAL DE PRODUCTOS ALIMENTICIOS, A PRIVATE MEXICAN COMPANY THAT OWNS TWO PAIR TRAWLERS. THESE TRAWLERS FISH EXCLUSIVELY FOR COD IN THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC. THEY OFF-LOAD AT ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON AND GO TO VIGO FOR REPAIRS. THIS APPARENTLY IS AS CLOSE AS THEY GET TO MEXICO. THESE VESSELS FISH MAINLY OFF GREENLAND, LABRADOR, AND NEWFOUNDLAND BUT EACH YEAR FROM THE LAST OF MARCH THROUGH APRIL THEY FISH ON GEORGES BANK.

2. THIS YEAR, EXACT DATE UNKNOWN BUT AROUND FIRST PART OF APRIL, 1973 WHILE FISHING ON GEORGES BANK WELL OUTSIDE U.S. TERRITORIAL WATERS THEY WERE OVERFLOWN BY U.S. COAST GUARD AIRCRAFT. THEY WERE ADVISED BY COAST GUARD AIRCRAFT THAT THEY WERE FISHING IN ICNAF CLOSED AREA AND ASKED TO LEAVE. THEY COMPLIED.

3. THE TWO VESSELS PLAN TO FISH AGAIN THIS MARCH AND APRIL IN THE ICNAF AREA. SINCE MEXICO IS NOT A MEMBER OF ICNAF THEY ARE PUZZLED AS TO WHY THEY WERE ASKED TO LEAVE LAST YEAR. THEY COMPLIED BECAUSE THEY ARE ANXIOUS NOT TO CREATE ANY FRICTION BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE U.S. BUT THEY WOULD LIKE A CLARIFICATION

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OF THE SITUATION FROM THE U.S. POINT OF VIEW.

4. THE TWO VESSELS ARE THE PATACHIN AND THE MATLAMANI, SPANISH  
BUILT STERN TRAWLERS, 650 TONS AND 41 METERS. THEY SAY NONE  
OF THE CATCH IS EXPORTED TO THE U.S.  
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